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Appl. No.: 09/973,802 Examiner: Watkins  
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For: BULKY SHEET MATERIAL HAVING THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROTRUSIONS

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Va. 22313

April 8, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004,  
the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 7, 8 and 9 are amended.

New claims 11-27 are added.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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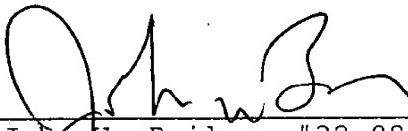
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Respectfully submitted,

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